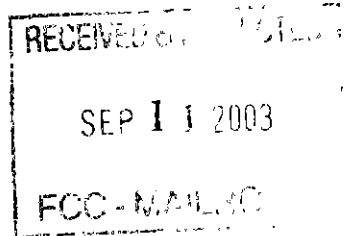




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**Interstate Common Line Support and
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September 3, 2003

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support – ICLS
Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that Western Telephone Company ("the company"), will use its **Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support – ICLS** only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for all study areas under the common control of the company, and which are listed below.

Signed.

Date. 9-3-03

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